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RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND CALLING ON CITY PARTNERS TO INCREASE THEIR COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE CITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND TO ADVANCE KEY POLICY PRIORITIES

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WHEREAS New Haven is a diverse and engaged community with tremendous potential; and

WHEREAS New Haven faces serious challenges, including the harm caused by decades of segregation and discrimination, which have created economic and social inequality along racial lines; and

WHEREAS the COVID pandemic has exacerbated these inequalities and has had a disproportionate impact on communities of color concentrated in neighborhoods of need; and

WHEREAS these communities face several challenges: high unemployment and limited access to good jobs; a scourge of violence and a lack of trust in the police; an insufficient supply of clean, safe, and affordable housing; inadequate access to quality, affordable health services and poor health outcomes; and proximity to pollution and environmental degradation; and

WHEREAS the Black and Hispanic Caucus of the New Haven Board of Alders has called attention to these legacies of segregation and racism and has challenged political and community leaders to come together to change the maps of redlining and exclusion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Board of Alders hereby establishes a legislative agenda that advances the following policy goals: Jobs for New Haven residents; A safe city for everyone; Quality affordable housing; Health equity and vibrant communities; and environmental justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Alders calls on the City's partners to increase their commitment of resources to support the City's ability to provide services to residents and to make strategic investments that advance the policy goals set forth in this legislative agenda.